

10 percent, out of just eternal...internally looking at efficiencies, unless by inefficient you mean having a low student-teacher ratio and things like that. The efficiencies that come in the size of 20 to 30 percent of budgets are those efficiencies that come by virtue of consolidation of schools in those areas of the state where there is not a sparsity factor, and a great many of those schools are in the eastern third of the state. You're not going to get these kinds of efficiencies in two years unless you move on consolidation. So what is this all about if we're not willing to move on consolidation? And you've got to move quickly, you've got to move quickly if you're going to get this done in two years when these budgets are going to be cut. And if you're not willing to move on that and you're not willing to do replacement revenues, what honestly in our minds are we doing? Surely we're not going to renege on these levy caps in a couple of years. That would be the worst of all alternatives because then, once again, the people will lose faith with us and we will get a petition. I hope that's not what's in people's minds, but if that's not what is in our minds, what is? Do we really think we're going to get substantial savings out of the whole system without some immediate consolidation? And that consolidation would have to be in the next two years to meet the time table that we've set out for ourselves on levy caps. And if we're not going to do that, then shouldn't we be putting something in this bill about replacement revenues? I mean to me, I guess I've said this before, but to me it seems to me we're just...we're not being honest with ourselves here. We need to be moving on either Senator Wesely's suggestion, or on the suggestion we have some replacement revenues, doing something that is a reliable and honest indicator of how we intend to solve a problem, because now we have two problems. We have the real problem, and we have the problem we're going to give ourselves by a cap that forces reduction in school expenditures by 30 percent in 2 years. So I hope you'll think a little bit more about what Senator Wesely is saying and about the need to say something about replacement revenues, and about the need to do something about one or the other, or both. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Madam President, members, Senator Wesely, I want to thank you for bringing this amendment. I probably wcn't even support it, although I'm very, very tempted to. I'm